MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know why measures are not taken for deepening the river?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR; Sir, during floods, hand deepening is not possible. It was tried and was not found successful for two or three years. In fact, the portions that were deepened were observed to be silted almost as quickly as the deepening process itself were over Therefore, manual deepening was given up. The proposal now is to deepen the river by the help of the dredger, But it is not avavilable now and I may say that as soon it becomes available, steps will be taken to deepen the river effectively.

MR. N. NARAYANA KURUP: May I know whether this difficulty could not be avoided by cutting open the river at Cherimuttam?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: This question is under consideration.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has read the report of the Minor Irrigation Committee?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: I have not read that, Sir.

Muslims and appointments in Colleges.

216 ❋ **MR. P. S. MAHOMED** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Muslims are totally unrepresented in the Colleges among the Professors, Lecturers and Tutors?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED യോഗ്യതകളുടെ അഭാവക്ഷികന്മാർ മുന്നോട്ടു വന്നാൽ ഇപ്പോഴും പ്രാതിനിദ്ധ്യം ഇല്ല എന്നുള്ള ന്യൂനതയെ പരിഹരിക്കാൻ മേയുണ്ടാകുമോ ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Certainly. Sir, I have already assured the member that if Muslims with the qualifications prescribed by the University are available, they would be preferred to candidates from more advanced communities.

Tapioca cultivation in Travancore.

217 ❋ **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any help is being rendered by Government for the development of tapioca cultivation in Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes. The Department of Agriculture is devoting its attention to augmenting the yield of tapioca. The Agricultural officers doing propaganda are advising cultivators on intensive methods of cultivation and application of scientific manures.

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MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: കൃഷിത്തോട്ടങ്ങളിൽ എവിടെ എങ്കിലും ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽനിന്ന് മരിച്ചീനികൃഷിയെ പ്രോൽസാഹിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: മരിച്ചീനി ക്രൂഡിവേലക്കാരും സാധുക്കളുമായ ബഹുഭൂരിപക്ഷം ആളുകളുടെ ആഹാരസാധനമാണെന്നുള്ള വിവരം ഗവണ്മെൻറിന്റെ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽ പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. K R. NARAYANA AIYAR: ഉണ്ട്.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: ഈ കൃഷിയെ ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ നിന്നും കൂടുതൽ പ്രോൽസാഹിപ്പിക്കേണ്ടതാണെന്ന് അറിയാമോ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: വേണ്ട പ്രോൽസാഹനം ചെയ്യുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. PULIYOOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, may I know from the Director the means by which the Department are augmenting the yield of tapioca.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: By conducting demonstration on ryot's lands, and by giving advice on its scientific cultivation.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. I hope that official members will try to speak up. I do not hear what their replies are. In most cases I do not hear the replies given by the members inofficial benches and how can I then expect the Honourable Members at the other end to hear the replies. After all, let the official members not think that they are in the presence of the clerks in their respective offices and adopt the tone which they presumably adopt before them, but speak up so that they may be better heard by every Honourable Member in this House.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the number of such demonstration centres in the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About twenty.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know the places where these demonstrations are carried out?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: At the rural centres in the different taluks.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pathanapuram* cum *Shencottah*): May I know from the Director of Agriculture whether the cultivation of tapioca is encouraged on the ground of nutritive value or for other reasons?

MR K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir, not on the ground of nutritive value, but to supplement the deficiency in rice.

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MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): മരച്ചീനിമാവു് എടുക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള പ്രമേയം കാർഷിക ബോർഡിൽ പാസാക്കിയതിനെ എതിർത്തുചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നു എന്നു പറയുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

PRESIDENT: Does not tapioca more or less grow of its own accord?

MR K. R NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: Does it require much attention?

MR. KAINIKKARA. M. PADMANABHA PILLAI; Yes, Sir, very much attention.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is any export of tapioca from the State?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the volume of that export?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: It is only very little.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is any possibility of export?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the nature of the aid given by the Department to the several demonstrations?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: They give cuttings of improved varieties and scientific manures for the conduct of the demonstrations.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR: May I know whether anybody has applied for help?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Occasionally we get applications and then we give the necessary advice and help.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Thiruvalla*): May I know whether the member is aware that tapioca is imported into Travancore from foreign countries in a refined form?

MR. K. R. NARYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir, I am aware.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the Department has made any enquiries on the possibility of the export of tapioca on a large scale?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir, because there is very little to export.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know whether people are forced to cultivate tapioca because of soil erosion on wet lands after paying the tax for the wet land?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No, Sir. I am not aware.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Director of Agriculture whether he is aware that tapioca products form one of the main exports from Singapore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI : May I know whether the Director has taken any steps to follow that policy ?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR : Sir, all the tapioca that is produced in the country is almost entirely consumed here itself. Hence there is very little scope for an export trade in it unless some other food material to supplement the deficiency in rice is found out and popularised.

Promotion of Constables and Head Constables.

218 * **MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI :** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Constables and Head Constables who were given promotions during 1115 ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY (*Inspector-General of Police*) : The *statement is laid on the table.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : പ്രമോഷൻ നൽകുന്ന കാര്യത്തിൽ അംഗീകരിക്കാറുള്ള തത്വം എന്താണെന്ന് പറയുവാൻ ഒരുങ്ങുകയാണോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Well, Sir, in these promotions from grade to grade within the Department, seniority plus efficiency were taken into consideration.

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : ഈ സ്റ്റേറ്റുമെൻറിൽ എല്ലാ സമുദായങ്ങളിലും ഉൾപ്പെട്ട കാൺസ്റ്റബിൾമാർക്ക് പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ളതായി കാണുന്നു. എന്നാൽ ചേരമർ സമുദായത്തിൽപ്പെട്ട ആർക്കും പ്രമോഷൻ കൊടുത്തതായി കാണുന്നില്ല. അതിനു കാരണം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോകുമോ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Well, Sir, the position is this : Of these promotions, sixteen were made on account of good work done during the last disturbances and the remaining 206 promotions made were merely confirmations of men who have been acting for a year and more in permanent vacancies for a long number of years. As a matter of fact, in the community mentioned by the honourable member, no person has been acting and that is why they do not come in the list.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR : I find from the answer given here that when 9 Nair Head Constables and 116 Nair Constables were promoted, only one Brahmin Head Constable and three Brahmin Constables were promoted. May I know whether there is any explanation ?

KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Sir, Like Prince Arthur, the Nair may well ask "Is it my fault that I am a Nair." The fact is that these Nairs have been acting for a year and over and a very large number of them were so acting. Formerly, these promotions were made on a district war basis. I found that such a system was defective and so I approached the Government and said

* *Vide* Appendix V. page 739.

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